



# PhyLM

## The Physiology Lidar-Multispectral Mission

*Exploring complex ecosystems of our  
global oceans*

## Underlying Science

**Objective** : Characterize key upper-ocean carbon cycle components, including phytoplankton carbon biomass and physiology

**Approach** : Dedicated global ocean mission focused on retrieving multiple upper ocean components using inversion approaches

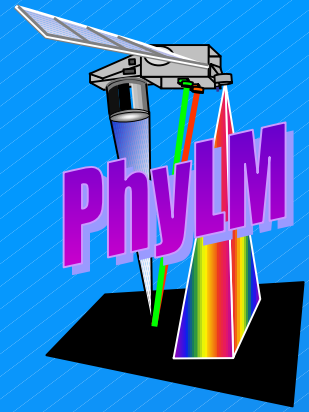
**Requirement** : Exceptional water leaving radiance retrievals

**Why?** :

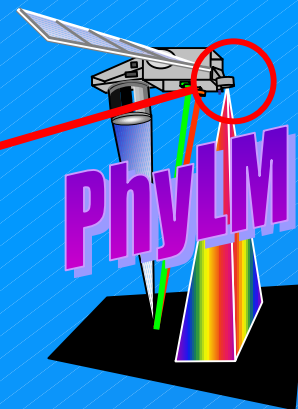
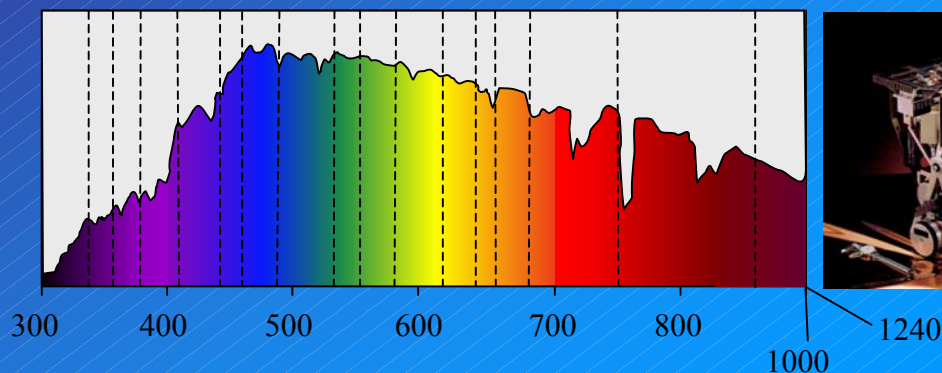
- Inversion approach more sensitive to  $L_{wn}$  errors than ratio algorithms
- Central rate parameter of interest ( $\mu$ ) has much smaller range of variability than chlorophyll biomass
- Separation of optically active components (e.g., cDOM, pigments) necessary for physiology
- Characterization of algal absorption spectra, since physiology is best described by absorption:C ratios rather than Chl:C ratios

**How?** :

- Enhanced passive radiometer coupled with active Lidar system
- Passive wavebands extended into UV region for atmospheric correction and advanced quantification of cDOM
- Passive wavebands extended in NIR for coastal atmospheric correction
- Lidar measurements for atmospheric profiling and in—water optics



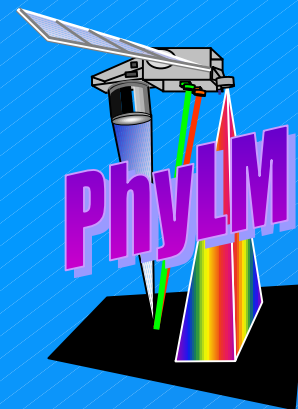
## Passive Radiometer



- ✓ *Design:* Advanced SeaWiFS
- ✓ *Lead Scientist:* Chuck McClain
- ✓ *Sensor Technology Advisor:* Alan Holmes (SeaWiFS designer)
- ✓ *Features:*
  - 18 wavebands (UV, VIS, NIR)
  - Routine Lunar & Solar Calibrations
  - 12 – 14 bit signal digitization
  - 500 m resolution goal
  - Improved optical components (e.g., mirrors)
  - Improved focal plane design (e.g., septum b/w detectors)
  - Improved detectors (e.g., CCD)
  - Noon orbit, 650 km
  - Global coverage every 2 days



## Passive Radiometer



PhylM	MODIS	SeaWiFS	MERIS
345	—	—	—
360	—	—	—
380	—	—	—
412	412	412	412
443	443	443	442
460	—	—	—
490	488	490	490
510	—	510	510
532	531	—	—
555	551	555	560
595	—	—	—
620	—	—	620
667	667	670	665
678	678	—	681
—	—	—	709
765	748	765	753/760/779
865	870	865	870/890/900
1000	—	—	—
1240	—	—	—

Hoepffner &  
Sathyendranath  
(MEPS, 1991)

- (Chl a)
- 413 (Chl a)
- 435 (Chl a)
- 461 (Chl c)
- 464 (Chl b)
- 490 (Carot)
- 532 (Carot)
- 583 (Chl c)
- 623 (Chl a)
- 644 (Chl a)
- 655 (Chl c)
- 676 (Chl a)



# Passive Radiometer

☞	L-typical	Passband	S:N @500m
345	9.000	20	685
360	7.503	20	833
380	7.221	20	1149
412	8.250	20	1633
443	7.750	20	2052
460	6.900	20	2110
490	6.250	20	2181
510	4.750	20	1972
532	4.170	20	1800
555	3.500	20	1766
595	2.700	20	1590
620	1.900	20	1360
667	1.500	20	1289
678	1.398	20	1249
765	0.900	30	1190
865	0.850	35	902
1000	0.520	40	417
1240	0.280	50	<400

absorbing aerosols  
cDOM

algal absorption

- accessory pigments
- gross taxonomy

heritage wavelengths

slope of backscatter

lidar match-up

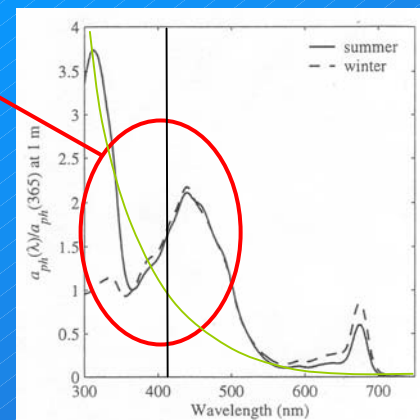
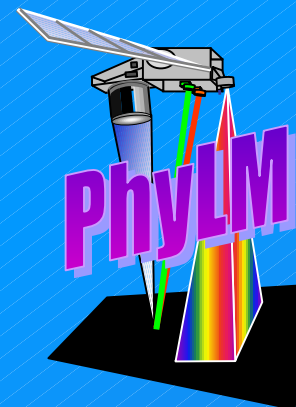
absorption minimum

fluorescence baseline

chlorophyll fluorescence

atmospheric correction

- open ocean
- coastal



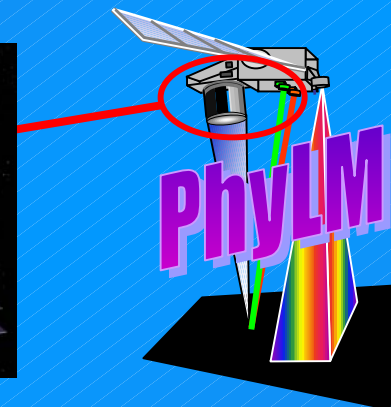
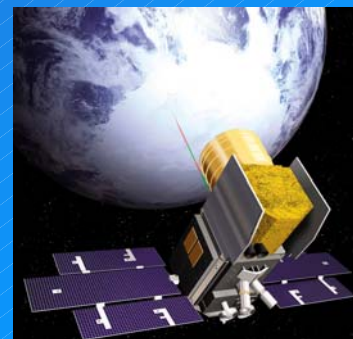
Morrison & Nelson (2004)  
Limnol. Oceanogr.  
49:215-224





# Lidar measurements

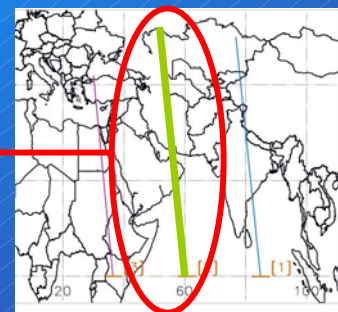
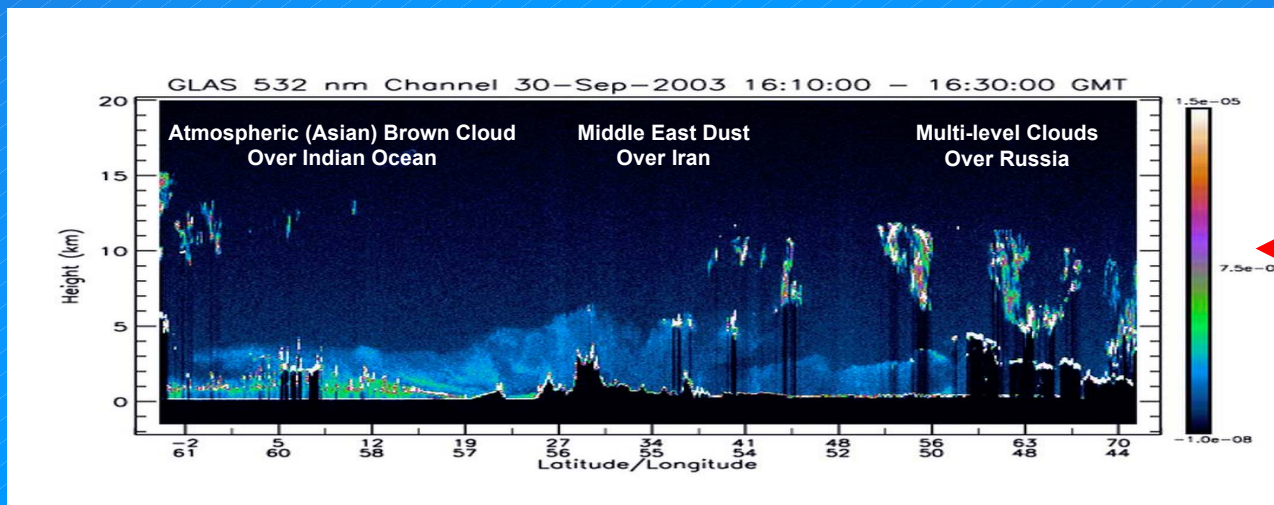
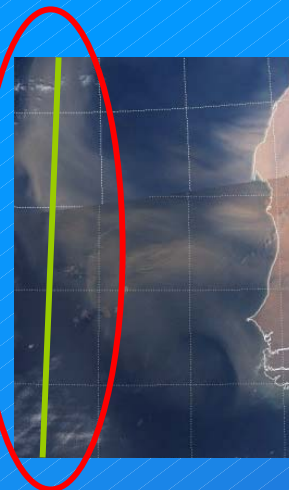
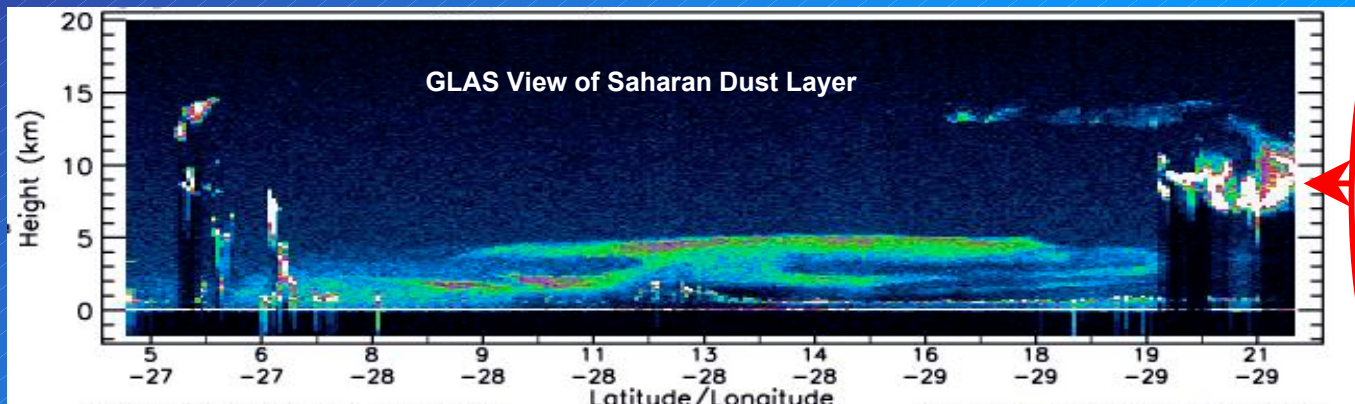
- ✓ *Design:* GLAS / Calypso heritage
- ✓ *Lead Scientist:* James Spinhirne
- ✓ *Features:*
  - Nd:Yag laser @ 532 and 1064 nm
  - 500 mJ pulse @ 532 nm
  - 40 – 400 pulse per second repetition rate
  - 40 M footprint
  - 1.5 m receiver telescope



<i>Products:</i>	<i>Priority</i>	<i>Measurement</i>
🔴 532/1064 nm for atmospheric aerosol profiles	1 <sup>0</sup>	☾ ☀
🔴🔴 532 nm for in-water particle scattering coefficient	1 <sup>0</sup>	☾
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🔴🔴🔴 645 nm for Raman scattering (fluorescence correction)	2 <sup>0</sup>	☾
🔴🔴🔴 685 nm for <b>high-biomass</b> chlorophyll fluorescence	2 <sup>0</sup>	☾



# GLAS atmospheric profiling















# Global Ocean Biogeochemistry Missions

## OCEAN BIOGEOCHEMISTRY MISSIONS

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Instrument (Mission; Country)	96	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
GLOBAL MISSIONS																	
OCTS (ADEOS-I; Japan)																	
POLDER (ADEOS-I/II; France & Japan)																	
SeaWiFS (Orbview-2; U.S.)																	
MODIS (Terra; U.S.)																	
MISR (Terra; U.S. )																	
MERIS (ENVISAT; ESA)																	
GLI (ADEOS-II; Japan)																	
MODIS (Aqua; U.S.)																	
VIIRS (NPP: U.S.)																	
																	

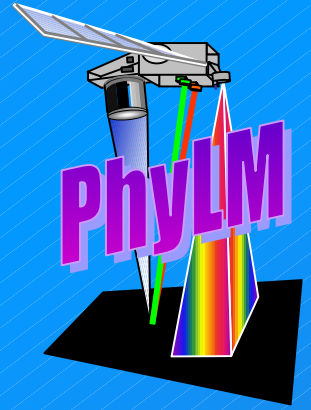
*The PhyLM Mission*





## PhyLM Concept Summary

- ESSP-class mission dedicated Ocean science
- Advances/expansion of established technology
- Exceptional ocean color data is *The Order 1 objective*
- Support for VIIRS (focus on calibration/validation, near-noon orbit)
- PhyLM & VIIRS follows ‘two mission coverage’ strategy and give redundancy in event of sensor failure
- Coastal/shelf/high production areas
- Proof of concept opportunity for lidar in—water retrievals
- Project Principle Investigators: M. Behrenfeld & C. McClain  
Formulation Manager: Jan Gervin  
Engineering Advisor: Lloyd Purves  
Science team TBD

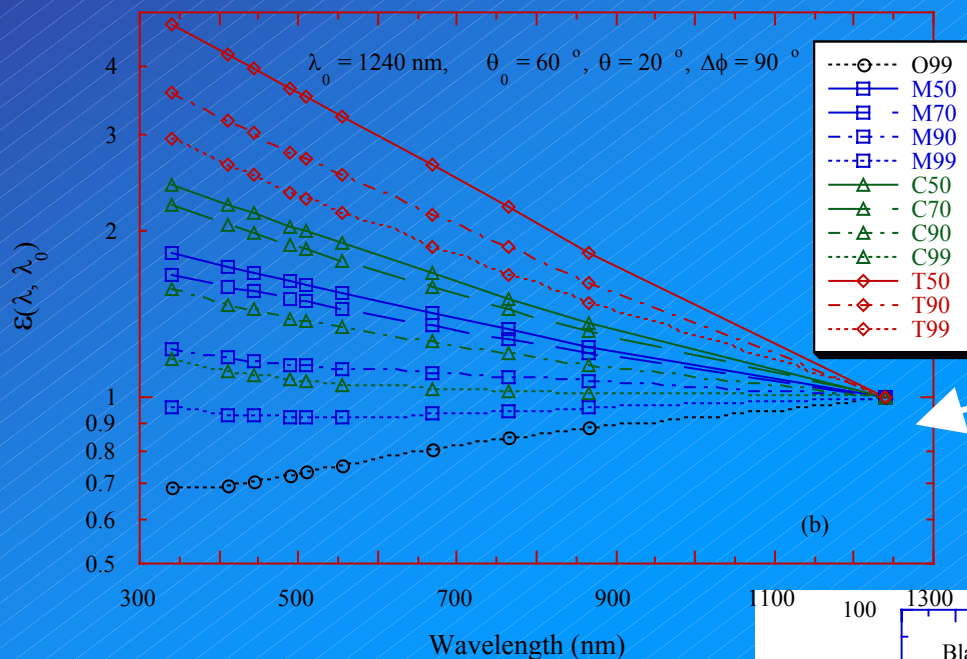


....A Community Mission....

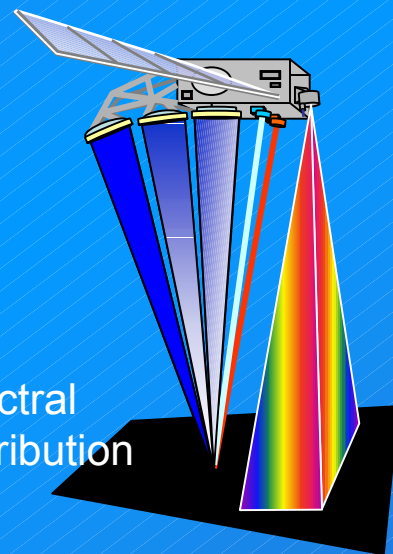


# Backup Slides

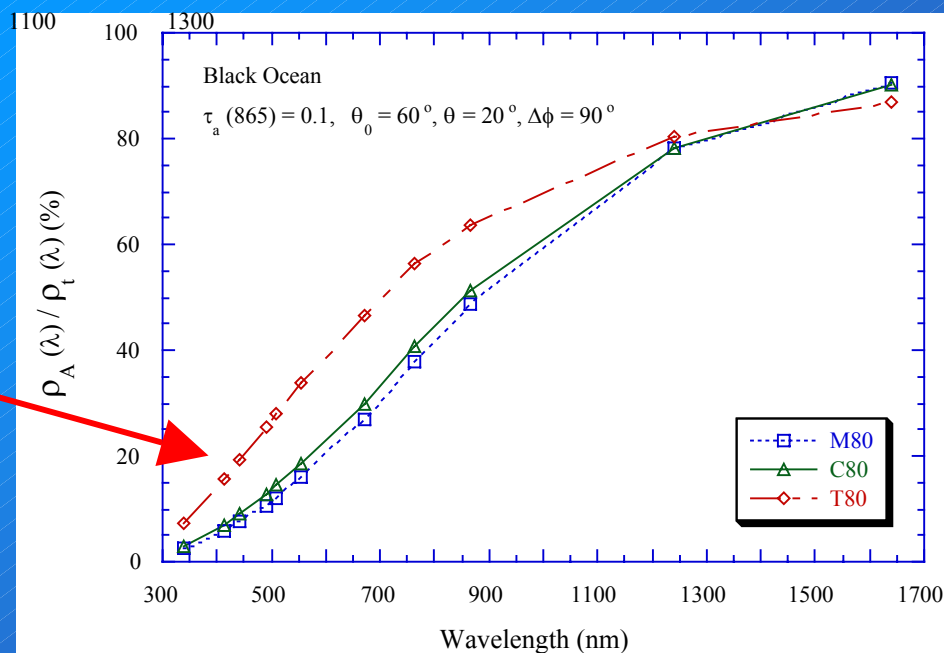
# Aerosol Reflectance



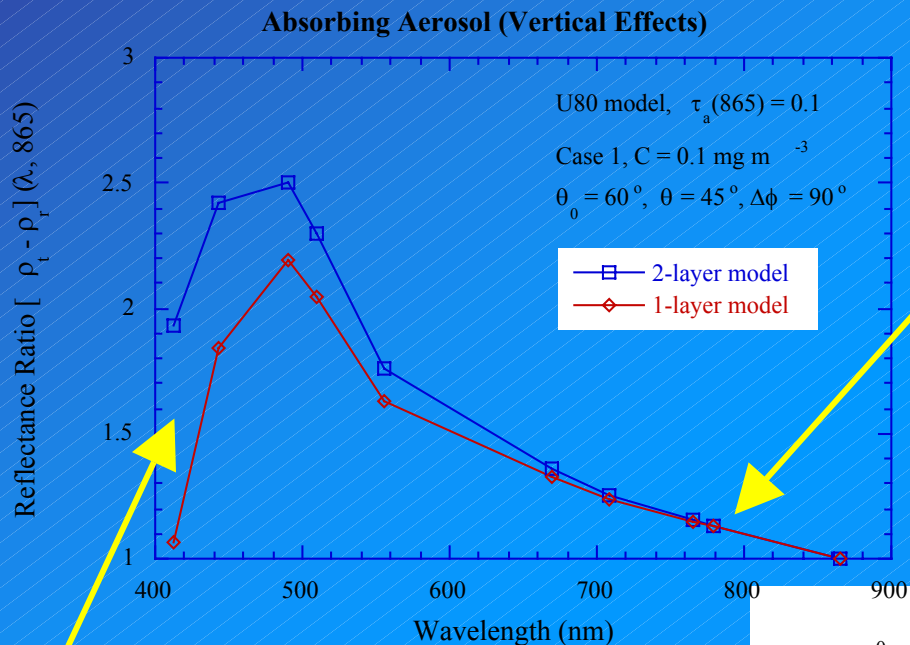
Relative spectral aerosol contribution



At the UV and blue wavelengths, Rayleigh radiance is dominated and aerosol reflectance is about 5-15% of the sensor-measured signals.



# Absorbing Aerosols: Problems



NIR Reflectances provide no information

Underestimation of water-leaving spectrum significantly

Significant differences in the blue and UV bands

- ▶ Need UV bands to identify the strongly absorbing aerosols
- ▶ Need Lidar data to provide aerosol vertical profile

